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NAEMSP 2000 – Recharging for the Millennium

By Cai Glushak, MD, Editor

NAEMSP's entry into the millennium was hailed by another excellent annual meeting. No doubt thanks to the beautiful surroundings, informative educational sessions and the virtually seamless planning of our NAEMSP staff, the feedback from participants was uniformly positive. Perhaps the most apt way for me to describe the affair was "energizing," remarkably similar to President Jon Krohmer's characterization of "getting annually recharged" when meeting with everyone at the conference. A strong feeling of sensory overload was shared by many, though strictly in the positive sense.

The meeting was heralded by a series of special workshops that attracted a capacity crowd. In addition to highly successful repeat performances of the Research, Computer and Incident Command System workshops, registrants were treated to a specially orchestrated Operational Medicine Field Exercise. Afterwards, general conference attendees were shown a videotape of NAEMSP members participating in a surprisingly realistic staging of a hostage response situation involving the Orange County and LA County Sheriff's Department SWAT teams, Orange County and LA County Fire Department Hazmat Teams, Orange County DMAT, and LA Metropolitan Medical Response Team/DMAT. This proved to be an invaluable exercise that many of us would have wished to offer in our own communities.

Dr. Mohammed Akhter was this year's speaker for the annual C.J. Shanaberger Memorial Keynote Address. Dr. Akhter, who is president of the American Public Health Association (APHA), expressed deep gratitude for the outcome of his personal experience with prehospital responders when he was critically injured in a motor vehicle collision, and reiterated his strong advocacy of EMS as a key component of the health care system. He emphasized his determination to amplify EMS' position in the public health arena. In a rousing call for stronger alliances with the public health community, he pointed out EMS leaders and researchers must help focus public health advocates on the issues they share. Together, this will allow them to mobilize the funding and governmental support needed to address EMS as an under-appreciated player in the health care arena. Dr. Akhter invited the entire membership to approach him and his colleagues with any potential issue that would unite EMS and public health in hopes of forging a common agenda. The association will be working very closely with Dr. Akhter and the APHA in the coming months to further define the levels of interaction among the two disciplines.

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Let's Grow Together!

This is going to be one of those pieces where there have been a lot of things going on and there are millions of thoughts going through my mind (no comments from other board members or the staff now!) that I'm going to try to put in perspective.

As other discussions in this newsletter indicate, we had a very successful meeting in January – good venue, good meeting, good food, good friends. As I mentioned during the business meeting, this annual meeting is really a time of rejuvenation for me ... time for another “EMS blood transfusion.”

One of the discussion themes that permeated the networking that occurred in the halls had to do with all of the changes (“transitions”) that we are facing in EMS. Forces from the health care industry in general, from HCFA and other insurers, from other medical specialties, and from within the EMS communities are causing all sorts of transitions.

As I was thinking about some of those issues, it occurred to me that the number of interactions that medical directors have with other aspects of the EMS and the general community is increasing. I'm sure that I'm going to forget some group, but the interactions that come immediately to mind include:

- EMS field personnel, supervisors and management;
- EMS operations directors, agency owners and department chiefs;
- hospital administrators;
- emergency department staff members (physicians, nurses and support staff);
- physicians from other specialties (in-patient and out-patient settings);
- professional organizations representing all these interests;

- community leaders (elected and appointed officials);
- local, regional, state and national regulators;
- legislators;
- public health officials;
- leaders of other public safety agencies;
- attorneys; and
- the general public (as consumers, family members and patients).

To listen to the hall conversations at our recent meeting, one would get the sense that all of these factions are at odds with themselves.

What's Wrong With This Picture?

At least when looking at the components of the medical and EMS community, we should all be working together. We need each other for the system to work. The field personnel can't provide care without support from their management and without medical oversight from EMS physicians. EMS physicians can't facilitate out-of-hospital medical care without the field personnel to provide the care and the management of organizations supporting the system. We need appropriate legislation and regulation for the system to work effectively. Hospitals and their personnel have to work with and support the EMS system for the EMS system to service the hospital's patients. It's a large, very interactive system in which all components have to interact and cooperate for the process to work.

One of the age-old potential conflicts in EMS revolves around the issue of what is an “operational” aspect vs. what is a “medical” aspect of the agency's operation and how do the “directors” interact with each other? What has occurred to me is that it seems as though there is a lack of



Jon Krohmer, MD

understanding, or certainly a lack of agreement, among the parties about the roles and responsibilities of the “leaders” of the EMS organization (e.g., the operational director and the medical director).

There are several references that outline the expected roles and responsibilities of the EMS medical director. Each of those references generally come, however, from the perspective of the sponsoring national organization, and reflects the special interests of the organization. Even though many of these organizations work well together on many activities and we discuss issues and feel that there is general agreement about many issues, I'm not sure that national organizations have ever really closely discussed the specifics of medical oversight. Frequently, confusion at the national level may result in conflict at the local level.

Over the course of the spring, NAEMSP will be approaching other national EMS organizations to initiate a dialogue about the particular issues of medical oversight, the roles and responsibilities of the EMS medical director, and the interaction of the medical director with the other components of the overall system. NAEMSP and ACEP have always approached this definition from our own perspectives. It's time to also look at it from other organization's perspectives. And I would ask other organizations to look at those same issues from the EMS medical director's perspective. **Let's grow together! ★**

Awards Awards Awards

Bob Bailey Receives NAEMSP's Highest Honor, the Ronald D. Stewart, MD Award

NAEMSP was pleased and honored to award the 2000 Ronald D. Stewart, MD Award to **Bob Bailey** from Raleigh, North Carolina. This award is given annually to the person who has made a lasting, major contribution to the EMS community nationally. The committee felt that Mr. Bailey has had a tremendous impact on the growth and development of EMS as the out-of-hospital system of care that it is today. The committee noted his long distinguished service as chief of the North Carolina Office of EMS and his leadership nationally with the National Association of State EMS Directors (NASEMSD), the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C) program and numerous other national EMS activities. Mr. Bailey has truly served as a role model for EMS physicians and professionals. See the related sidebar submitted by President Dr. Jon Krohmer.

Other awards at the conference included the following.

Best Scientific Presentation: *Early Defibrillation of Cardiac Arrest Patients by Urban Police Officers*, by Dr. Michael Sayre, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Best Poster AND Best Presentation by a Resident, Fellow or Student: *Placement of Automated External Defibrillators in Long-Term Care Facilities Is Cost-Effective*, by Renee Foutz, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Best Presentation by a Professional: *Out of Hospital Do Not Resuscitate Orders by Primary Care Physicians*, by Brooke Lerner, Department of Emergency Medicine, State University of New York at Buffalo

The above awardees each received checks for \$500.

An appreciation award was given to **Brian Zachariah, MD**, for his service on the NAEMSP Board of Directors. Dr. Zachariah chose not to run for a second term due to other commitments. **David Cone, MD**, was recognized for his outstanding work as the 2000 Program Committee chair. **Cai Glushak, MD**, was recognized for his outstanding vision and dedication to the organization by serving as the newsletter editor.

A drawing was held to determine the winner of the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign for 1999 (anyone who referred a member to NAEMSP in 1999 got his/her name entered in the drawing). **Hector Alonso-Serra** of San Juan, Puerto Rico, was the lucky recipient of free membership in NAEMSP for one year. Also, a "bingo card" was used at the conference by attendees visiting the exhibit booths. Each attendee was to receive a "stamp" from each booth. Once the card was full, it was turned in and entered in a drawing for complimentary airfare for the 2001 annual meeting. The winner was **Jay Reich** of New Haven, Connecticut. And, a drawing was held for a Palm Pilot generously donated by Global MED-NET. The winner of the Palm Pilot was **Jeffrey Ho**, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Congratulations to all of the winners and award recipients. ★

Ronald D. Stewart, MD Award Presented to Bob Bailey



By John
Krohmer, MD

President Dr. Jon Krohmer presents the Ronald D. Stewart, MD Award to Bob Bailey of North Carolina.

One of the truly enjoyable parts of the annual meeting is the presentation of the Ronald D. Stewart, MD Award winner. This award is presented annually to an individual or organization that has provided distinguished service to the field of EMS.

This year's recipient, Bob Bailey, has had a long and varied career in EMS. He started out in EMS in 1974 as an "attendant and driver" with the Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services program in North Carolina while teaching public school. He started working with the Office of EMS in North Carolina in 1974 as a regional coordinator. He held multiple positions within that EMS office including education program consultant, assistant chief in charge of field operations, assistant chief in charge of education and deputy chief. He became the chief of the EMS Office in 1984 and held that position until his retirement last fall.

During his time in EMS, Bob has been very active, not only throughout the state of North Carolina, but also nationally. He has held multiple positions in the National Association of State EMS Directors (NASEMSD), including president from 1992-1994, has been the NASEMSD liaison to NAEMSP for many years, was a member of the EMS Agenda for the Future Steering Committee, and continues to serve on the National EMS-C Advisory Committee. He was the recipient of the 1992 NHTSA Award for Public Service.

Bob's career was dedicated to the improvement of EMS at the local, regional, state and national levels and, for that, we are grateful. Congratulations, Bob!

Previous award winners have included Eugene Nagel, MD; Ricardo Martinez, MD; John Chew; Stan Zydlo, MD; Nicholas Benson, MD; Paul Paris, MD; Leonard Cobb, MD; Paul Pepe, MD; Senator Alan Cranston; Marvin Birnbaum, MD; the faculty of the National Medical Directors Course and Practicum; and the NASEMSD.

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The general sessions were full of stimulating material on a number of subjects. This year, two key areas in constant demand were explored in common: the application of *operational* EMS principles and *rural* EMS settings drew a jam-packed audience. Led by moderator Doug Kupas, former chair of the Rural Affairs Committee, Sandy Bogucki, Ed Dickinson, Greg Mears and Paul Robinson explored the intricacies of fireground rehabilitation, unusual physiological demands of fire suppression on EMS preparedness, physician extenders in EMS and overall issues driving rural EMS.

International EMS burst on the scene with a number of presentations about the evolution of EMS in other areas, including Czechoslovakia and Asia, followed by an international EMS luncheon. Dr. Eelco Dykstra, a familiar face on the global emergency medicine scene, led an array of presenters and attendees with special interests in worldwide EMS developments in exciting discussions about ways members can advance EMS globally. A clear message throughout was that the United States has as much to learn from established and emerging EMS practices abroad as it has to offer other nations. After this meeting, there will clearly be a strong contingent of members interested in pursuing international EMS topics and exchanging ideas in a more organized way.

Research again placed high in this year's proceedings, not only demonstrating an ever-improving spectrum of high quality EMS studies, but, by nature of the topics presented, covering as much practical material as any traditional didactic program. The presentations ranged from an assortment of approaches to invasive airway management to dispatch and on-scene triage systems to various aspects of cardiac resuscitation. These sessions were capped off by an exceptionally effective review by Michael Sayre, chair of the Research Committee, and James Menegazzi, editor of *Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC)*, of some of the basic tenets of performing EMS research. The generous audience for these talks again was testimony to the hunger of the EMS community for ongoing scientific examination of our field. Abstracts for both the oral and poster presentations can be found in the January/March issue of *PEC*.

The recipients of the research awards were recognized along with several other honorees (see page 3) at a particularly cheerful annual luncheon held in the Ritz' solarium and accompanied by superb cuisine. In addition to thanking Brian Zachariah for his service on the board and David Cone

for his orchestration of a series of excellent NAEMSP annual conferences, President Jon Krohmer graciously presented Bob Bailey, former state EMS director from North Carolina, with the prestigious Ronald D. Stewart, MD Award, NAEMSP's top honor. Dr. Krohmer cited Mr. Bailey's visionary leadership, not only in North Carolina, but as a unique individual who has managed to unify disparate voices across the country on controversial EMS issues. The awards luncheon was complemented by two engaging evening events, the welcome reception and "A Taste of Italy" soiree, held in the elegant Ritz-Carlton veranda overlooking the coastal cliffs and marina beyond. We are grateful to our sponsors (see accompanying list) for helping to make these congenial events possible for members and guests.

There is, of course, much more valuable content than can be summarized here. If readers wish to have access to some of the excellent material presented, audio tapes of the presentations can be ordered by contacting West Coast Audio Taping at 800/825-8899.

Thank You to Our January 2000 Annual Meeting Sponsors

NAEMSP would like to thank the following sponsors of our January 2000 Annual Meeting. Without their help and support, we could not continue to host the exceptional meetings our attendees have come to expect.

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Board, Committee and Liaison Highlights

The board, committees and task forces had packed agendas and were attended by a record number of members and invited guests. NAEMSP has a very open meetings policy, which has resulted in extraordinary productivity, despite having only one opportunity to meet face-to-face annually. Here is but a brief synopsis of the highlights.

In two board sessions a number of key topics were addressed. The board decided to move forward as the lead organization in the Turtle Creek Conference II, a follow-up invitational gathering of experts who will discuss state-of-the-art issues in prehospital cardiac and resuscitation issues. The proceedings of the meeting, which is made possible with funding from an educational

grant from Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, will hopefully again be published in *PEC*.

NAEMSP will be a sponsor of and exhibit at the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C) 2000 Congress on March 27-29 in keeping with our organization's strong support of the EMS-C initiative. Look for reports on the conference in upcoming issues.

The board agreed to make application to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) EMS Committee for a seat on



the committee. The board felt that it was important to join the members of the fire service as EMS standards are being developed and reviewed.

The board discussed the American College of Emergency Physician's (ACEP) EMS Committee's recommendation to classify amiodarone as a Class IIb therapy for the treatment of ventricular fibrillation/pulseless ventricular tachycardia. After some debate, the feeling of the NAEMSP Board of Directors was that current evidence does not support a higher classification. *President's Note: On the January conference call, the NAEMSP Board of Directors decided to work with ACEP in communicating to the American Heart Association (AHA) our support of a IIb recommendation for the use of amiodarone.*

Research – Michael Sayre reported that the Research Agenda for the Future team is making steady progress. An outline for the agenda has been completed and a follow-up writing team meeting in San Diego was held at the end of January. A Web site for the project is now available at www.ResearchAgenda.org.

Additionally, the number of research abstracts submitted for this year's meeting jumped dramatically to 120, making the editorial process and selection both more challenging and productive. The electronic submission process was almost seamless and will facilitate future abstract submission and selection.

Managed Care – Keith Neely reported that a compendium of the four roundtable sessions held by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is complete and available through the NHTSA Web site. The task force has proposed a new objective: to focus on issues associated with modifying EMS response time standards and the ensuing implications for resource allocation and changing financial incentives for EMS systems.

Operational EMS – The Tactical EMS (TEMS) Sub-Task Force, under chair Joseph Heck, endorsed the development of a position statement supporting TEMS. For the time being, Dr. Heck will head up this project and bring information back to the board. The group also supports the concept of the development of an educational slide set on TEMS, of which a prototype has been developed by Dr. Alex Isakov.

Aeromedical – David Thomson reported an unusually large committee attendance. The group suggested the development of a position on single provider rapid sequence intubation, a particular challenge in aeromedical situations. The committee also discussed practices being adopted by the airlines industry relating to issues such as AED's and emergency medical equipment. They proposed increased interaction with the Aerospace Medical Society, which hosts an airline medical directors subgroup.

International Association of Fire Chiefs – Liaison John Sinclair announced the development of a Fire Service Medical Directors Handbook. IAFC has enlisted Dr. Brian Zachariah to assist in writing it.

American Ambulance Association – Steven Murphy reported that OSHA has announced a new series of proposed "ergonomics" rules that will apply to ambulance services.

The rules (whose comment period will have closed as of this mailing) are likely to have a profound economic and administrative impact on EMS services. He announced that HCFA has made dialysis patients an exclusion to the EMS services that must be covered under prospective payment by skilled nursing facilities (SNF). This removes one expensive component from the prospective payment obligations SNFs must negotiate with EMS providers.

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) – Kathy Robinson reported that the ENA is interested in the topic of critical care interfacility transports and hopes to work with the NHTSA to develop a roundtable discussion process, similar to that used for managed care, for discussion among interested and involved parties.

Of course, many more important topics were discussed throughout these meetings. If you would like minutes of the NAEMSP Board of Directors meeting or any of the committees, please contact Heather Barry at the NAEMSP office or e-mail her at hbarry@goAMP.com.

This meeting was a powerhouse of issues and personalities, much enhanced by the beautiful surroundings and cuisine of Laguna Niguel. An equally exciting program is being planned for January 18-20, 2001. We hope to see you in Florida at the Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa. As they say, "Keep those letters coming" and keep your sunscreen ready! ★

Celebrate EMS Week

EMS Week 2000 is May 14-20. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) has EMS Week "kits" available for your use and information. The kit includes, among other things, a poster, EMS fact sheets, clip art, product catalog, state activity reports from EMS Week 1999, and a letter from the ACEP president. NAEMSP has a few of the kits available. If you would like one, contact Heather Barry at 913/492-5858, ext. 448, or e-mail hbarry@goAMP.com. Or, if you want several copies of the kit, contact the ACEP customer service department at 972/550-0911. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate, recognize and encourage all those involved in the EMS field.

We will also be mailing the May issue of *NAEMSP News* early in order to incorporate EMS Week happenings around the country before the events take place. If your area or EMS system is planning some special activities for EMS Week, please let us know about them so we can include them in the May issue. **We need your contributions by March 24.** If you cannot get information to us by March 24 for inclusion in the May issue, you can still send it so we can include these activities in the July issue.

EMS Listserv (EMS-L) Available

By Edward Michelson, MD
Chair, NAEMSP Technology Committee

Do you have an e-mail account? Do you like to share ideas, ask questions and share your expertise with others over the Internet? If your answers are "yes," you may want to check out the EMS-L.

What is EMS-L?

EMS-L is a listserv sponsored by NAEMSP. The list is run by me, employing a computer host at Northwestern University in Chicago.

What is a Listserv?

A listserv is a computer program which maintains an e-mail subscriber list. Messages sent by any list subscriber are forwarded to the list moderator for review. Approved messages are distributed via e-mail to all list subscribers. Most lists are centered around a specific theme. Many lists are unmoderated with some becoming free-for-alls.

What topics are addressed on EMS-L?

Anything to do with EMS!

Who picks the moderator and what messages get approved?

The NAEMSP Technology Committee selects the EMS-L moderator and sets editorial policy. Most messages will be approved to send to the list, with the exception of personal attacks, "flames" and advertisements of a commercial nature. Announcements of NAEMSP committee activities and programs as well as those of other non-profit professional organizations are welcome. The current list moderator is Tom Scott of Poway, California.

What topics have been recently discussed on EMS-L?

The topics, or "threads" as they are called, have been numerous and varied. Some recent topics include: Amiodarone in prehospital care; AED's on aircraft and in airports; Medical director "good samaritans" at the scene; and the effectiveness of two paramedics vs. EMT-paramedic teams. Questions related to daily operations and proceed-

ings, along with thoughtful answers often including citations to the literature or published laws, are provided.

Who subscribes to EMS-L?

Subscription is open to anyone with an e-mail address. You do not need to be a member of NAEMSP to join the listserv. Currently we have over 900 members in the United States and nine other countries. On occasion members have translated EMS-L messages into other languages for international subscribers! Subscribers include students, residents, EMTs, paramedics, EMS educators, fire chiefs, physicians and representatives from other organizations.

What does it cost to join EMS-L?

EMS-L is sponsored by NAEMSP and provided at no charge. The moderator and list "owner" volunteer their time to keep the EMS-L running. Many hours are also volunteered by list subscribers writing detailed, thoughtful and sometimes referenced submissions.

How can I subscribe to EMS-L?

Send an e-mail message to Listserv@listserv.acns.nwu.edu. Leave the subject blank. In the body of the message type: Subscribe EMS-L. The "from" address of your e-mail will be used to address messages to you. All messages you subsequently send to the list must contain the same e-mail address in the "from" line of that message. Take note of this if you have more than one e-mail address.

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How can I get more information?

Visit the NAEMSP Web site at www.naemsp.org or contact the NAEMSP office at 913/492-5858, ext. 448, for other instructions, including ways to suspend/resume/cancel your subscription and how to receive messages in digest form. You may also e-mail me at emichelson@nwu.edu. ★

Center for Emergency Medicine Announces the Formation of a National Center for Excellence for Early Defibrillation

The Pittsburgh Center for Emergency Medicine (CEM), in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh Department of Emergency Medicine, was recently awarded a \$350,000 grant from the Medtronic Foundation to establish a national Early Defibrillation Center of Excellence. The non-profit center, which will be housed in the nationally recognized CEM, will serve as a primary source of information for early defibrillation programs. Its goals are to generate awareness and promote education in the chain of survival approach to treating sudden cardiac arrest.

According to Vincent Mosesso, MD, "This center will enable us to develop an increased awareness of automatic external defibrillators and provide people with assistance in getting AED programs off the ground." Dr. Mosesso is an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and medical director of prehospital care at UPMC Health System. Dr. Mosesso will serve as the new organization's chief executive officer and medical director. Paul Paris, MD, chairman of the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Emergency Medicine and chief medical officer for the Center for Emergency Medicine, will serve as its technical advisor and associate medical director.

All funding for the center will be provided by the Medtronic Foundation of Minneapolis, Minnesota. A dedicated full-time staff will be hired to collect and catalog a database on early defibrillation. The staff will also provide medical direction and program coordination for AED programs, as well as direct both emergency medicine professionals and the public to available resources.

Standards & Clinical Practice Committee News

By Robert M. Domeier, MD, Chair

The Standards and Clinical Practice Committee (S&CP) is one of NAEMSP's most active committees. Twenty-five members and guests attended the recent committee meeting held at the annual meeting in Laguna Niguel. Members of the S&CP made Position Development Forum presentations at the meeting to solicit member input for position papers under development. Dr. Steve Shelton presented "Medical Direction of Interfacility Transfer." Drs. David Jaslow and Arthur Yancey presented "Mass Gathering Medical Care: A Medical Director's Checklist." Both were very well received and members provided valuable input into the position statements for the organization.

A number of papers are currently under development and were reviewed at the meeting. Two of these papers were approved by the NAEMSP Board of Directors during its January conference call. "Acute Stroke: Implications for Prehospital Care" and "Early Defibrillation" will be published in an upcoming issue of *Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC)*.

Progress on several papers in or near draft form are undergoing review by S&P. These include:

- Prehospital Triage of Chest Pain Patients,
- Prehospital Triage of Stroke Patients,

- Prehospital Triage of Trauma Patients, and
- Neuromuscular Blockade Assisted Intubation.

Additionally, the board approved several new topics that are just getting rolling. These include:

- Clinical Basis for Response Time Standards,
- Prehospital Pain Management,
- Patient Restraint,
- Physician Direction of Emergency Medical Dispatch,
- EMS Non-Transport,
- Patient Refusal, and
- Resuscitation of Prehospital Traumatic Cardiac Arrest.

Work groups from the S&CP have been assigned to begin work on each of these topics, giving us a busy agenda for the upcoming year. The committee has a fluid membership with committee membership open to NAEMSP members willing to participate and advance committee business. We do most of our business via e-mail and our one face-to-face meeting held during the NAEMSP annual conference. If you wish to have input into the topics the S&CP is currently working on or have ideas for new position statements, please contact the committee chair, Robert Domeier, at rdomeier@aol.com. ★

People Happenings

Pepe Accepts New Position in Dallas

Dr. Paul Pepe, former director of the City of Houston EMS System (1982-1996) and currently commonwealth emergency medical director for Pennsylvania, has now accepted a position as chair of Emergency Medicine for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where he will head emergency services for the Parkland Memorial Health System. He will also provide oversight for a large emergency medicine training program involving more than 20 faculty members as well as 50 residents and fellows. Among other charges, Dr. Pepe's new department is responsible for the medical oversight of the North Texas Poison Control Center, as well as the EMS systems of approximately a dozen north Texas communities, including the city of Dallas. His medical school appointment provides Dr. Pepe with a professorship and an endowed chair in emergency medicine. Effective March 1, his new office phone number will be 214/648-4812. ★

Suter Named to ACEP Board

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), a medical specialty organization of more than 20,000 emergency physicians, recently announced it has elected Robert E. Suter, DO, MHA, of Dallas, Texas, to its board of directors.

Dr. Suter, a well known EMS physician (and NAEMSP member), is regional medical director for Questcare, which provides emergency physician medical services to hospitals in north Texas. Dr. Suter also is a regional medical director for East Central Georgia EMS and medical director of Lifestar Helicopter in Dallas. He received his medical degree from Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa, and is board certified in emergency medicine.

Dr. Suter will serve a three-year term. The board is ACEP's policy-making body, responsible for the organization's management and control. It consists of 12 elected directors, plus the president and past-president. ★

NAEMSP Creates EMS Fellowship Recognition Award

By Theodore Delbridge, MD, Chair, EMS Fellowship Directors

Last autumn the NAEMSP Board of Directors voted to create an award to recognize those physicians who had completed bona fide fellowships in emergency medical services. Discussions at meetings of both EMS fellowship directors and the board of directors led to the realization that this was a way NAEMSP could acknowledge the demonstrated commitment and accomplishments of these distinguished EMS physicians.

To be eligible for the recognition award, the physician must have completed an EMS fellowship after June 30, 1999, and be nominated by his/her fellowship director. Nomination forms may be obtained from the NAEMSP office. Using this form, fellowship directors must indicate that the graduated fellow has acquired expertise in several areas of EMS medical direction and has fulfilled a research requirement. Additionally, both the fellowship director and the EMS fellow must be members of NAEMSP.

Unfortunately, there was not enough time to solicit nominations from fellowship directors for presentation at the January 2000 Annual Meeting. However, now is the time to look toward next January, when NAEMSP hopes to acknowledge several recently graduated EMS fellows. Fellows should ensure that they are wrapping up loose ends and meeting the requirements for recognition before their fellowships end this June. Fellowship directors should be guiding fellows toward completion of projects and ensuring that last year's graduates fulfill leftover obligations.

Again, nomination forms can be obtained from the NAEMSP office at 913/492-5858 or e-mail info-naemsp@goAMP.com. The deadline for nominations for January 2001 awards will be **December 1, 2000**.

GRANTS UPDATE

Medical Direction: National Standard Curriculum

The Principal Investigators for the Medical Direction: National Standard Curriculum are planning to hold a second pilot course in cooperation with the New Hampshire Bureau of EMS in April or May of 2000. The updated curriculum will be placed on NAEMSP's Web site for review and comments. The final document will be submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in the fall of 2000. Visit the Web site at www.naemsp.org or e-mail Jennifer Kimzey at jkimzey@goAMP.com for more information on the curriculum and the upcoming pilot study.

National EMS Research Agenda

The Writing Team for the National EMS Research Agenda met in San Diego for the second writing team meeting on January 31 – February 1, 2000. The draft National EMS Research Agenda will be circulated for comments in late spring of 2000. After comments are reviewed and incorporated as appropriate, the document will be reviewed by the National Review Team on September 7-8, 2000. The location for the National Review Team meeting has not yet been determined. Visit www.ResearchAgenda.org for more information.

Come see what
* awaits you in
Cloquet, MN.

Exceptional opportunities exist for four Emergency Medicine physicians at Community Memorial Hospital in Cloquet, MN. The selected physicians will join a growing, established hospital with state-of-the-art facilities. These physicians must be ACLS certified. The shifts will be 12 hours, 3 days per week. The hospital is affiliated with St. Luke's Hospital, a Regional Trauma Center, and has 400 affiliated physicians.

Cloquet is a rapidly growing town and has a strong, social and civic structure. It is a community of over 10,000 people and serves along with other area communities, the growth center for the Iron Range. Cloquet is just 10 miles away from Duluth, MN where you can find numerous civic, cultural and recreational activities and events. The community is active in planning its own future and generously involved with the educational development of its youth.

Compensation is competitive with excellent benefit package.

For more information, please contact:

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News From the Executive Office

Dede Gish-Panjada, Executive Director, and Beth Panther, Association Manager

January 2000 Annual Meeting

At the NAEMSP Executive Office, we were very pleased to see the new year arrive with a whimper rather than a bang, and doubly proud to report that our 2000 Annual Meeting was the best-ever attended! The attendees seemed to find the location as spectacular as promised and the educational sessions to be informative and interesting. We are in the process of tabulating the speaker ratings from the evaluations and all comments will be forwarded to the Program Committee for their review and consideration for the 2001 and future meetings. We appreciate everyone's willingness to take the time to fill out the evaluations and to give their input on the meeting. We always want the educational conference to meet and, if possible, exceed the needs and expectations of our attendees.

January 2001 Annual Meeting: Plan Now to Attend!

Plans are already underway for NAEMSP 2001, to be held January 18- 20, at the Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa in Fort Myers, Florida. Program ideas and speakers are still being accepted for this conference, so please e-mail your suggestions to Program Chair Dr. Tom Blackwell at tblackwell@carolinas.org. We will also be holding the Medical Directors Course and several other pre-conference workshops during the conference.

The Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa is larger than the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel and should accommodate all of our attendees quite nicely. We've heard fantastic reports about the property from those who have visited there, and it seems to be a great place to bring your family. You can visit the Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa's Web site at www.sanibel-resort.com to see the many activities and tourist attractions near this outstanding location.

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

The Membership Committee recommended and was given approval by the board to continue the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign for 2000. Here's how the campaign works: Anyone who refers a new member to NAEMSP (and the new member notes this on his/her application) will have his/her name placed in a drawing to be held during the 2001 conference for his/her choice of

- free membership for one year or
- complimentary conference registration for the 2002 Annual Meeting.

This year's lucky winner, drawn at the 2000 conference, was **Hector Alonso-Serra**. So please continue to refer your colleagues to NAEMSP for membership. We are always happy to provide a membership application by mail or via fax, or one can be found at our Web site at www.naemsp.org. We

wish to strengthen our organization and the prehospital practice of EMS by involving more physician and professional member practitioners.

Get Involved: Position Paper Development

Two new position papers were approved by the NAEMSP Board of Directors during their January 24 conference call: "Acute Stroke: Implications for Prehospital Care" and "Early Defibrillation." These papers will be published in a future issue of *Prehospital Emergency Care*. For an advance copy, contact the NAEMSP Executive Office. Also, the board approved a plan to provide all of NAEMSP's position papers on the Web site for free access to anyone who needs them. The board agreed that the position papers are a critical component of NAEMSP's service to members and non-members alike. Because of this, and our ability to impact the delivery of prehospital care, the papers should be widely disseminated.

The following three subjects may possibly be developed as joint positions with the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP): "Alternate Ambulance Destinations," "Alternate Out-of-Hospital Transportation" and "Non-Transport." As you can see, the Standards & Clinical Practice Committee will be very involved in the thoughtful and compelling process of position paper development for the next several months. If you would like to comment on or be a part of the process of developing these papers, please contact Dr. Robert Domeier, Standards & Clinical Practice Committee chair, at rdomeier@aol.com.

Web Site Redesign

The board is also considering a major redesign of the Web site and formation of a password-protected "members' only" area on the site. This could be used to provide our members with information such as the membership directory, the newsletter, and online dues renewal and meeting registration. We are excited to explore these future Web opportunities and to make NAEMSP's Web site easy to find and in keeping with our professional image.

Prehospital Systems and Medical Oversight, Third Edition Underway

We are pleased to report that the board has contracted with Dr. Alexander (Sandy) Kuehl to serve as editor of the 3rd edition of *Prehospital Systems and Medical Oversight* textbook. It is Dr. Kuehl's and the board's mutual goal to have this edition available for sale by May 2001. Until the 3rd edition is available, we will continue to publish and sell the current 2nd edition.

Until next time, take care and keep in touch with us.

Resources

EMS-C: How Are the States Doing?

The Emergency Medical Services for Children National Resource Center (EMS-C NRC) is preparing a report for release this summer profiling the extent to which individual states and U.S. territories have integrated pediatric enhancements into EMS systems. Sandra Adomaka is the NRC intern compiling data and coordinating the report. More information can be obtained at 202/884-4927.

Helping Kids Survive: Interactive Training for Prehospital Providers CD-ROM Available

Helping Kids Survive: Interactive Training for Prehospital Providers is a three-volume CD-ROM that includes interactive scenarios about critical pediatric cases. Assessment and management skills are covered as well as procedure demonstrations. The program is intended for basic and advanced prehospital levels. Price: \$5. Contact the EMS-C Clearinghouse at 703/902-1203 or www.ems-c.org and request product #828.

Medical Services EMS Information Library

The International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Web site has a Medical Services EMS Information Library listing a number of monographs and products available for order. Among them is a video entitled, "Fire-Based EMS: Meeting the Challenge of Change," as well as several monographs on fire services-related EMS topics such as "Emergency Medical Services: A Guide Book for Fire-Based Systems, 2nd Ed." For more details and information on how to order these products, visit www.iaff.org.

Bereavement Document Available

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), funded by a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and its Emergency Medical Services for Children (HCHB EMS-C) Program, has developed a new product entitled, "Bereavement Practice Guidelines for Health Care Professionals in the Emergency Department: Best Practices in Supporting the Family and Staff When a Child Dies Suddenly." The primary purpose of the guidelines are to help Emergency Department and EMS staff personnel to become more comfortable in relating to families of dying children, which can help improve the quality of care the families receive. To order copies, contact the NASW at 202/336-8265.

Photos Needed

The International Emergency Medicine Photo Project is in its final phase of collecting and curating photos for an upcoming book on emergency medicine around the world.

If you have any interesting photographs from your experiences in international emergency medicine, please consider submitting them to this project.

So far, 135 of your colleagues from around the world have submitted prints and slides depicting some aspect of emergency medicine in 72 countries. From the recent earthquake in Taiwan to a shark attack off the coast of South Africa, from Russian disaster relief to trauma care in Malaysia, we have sought to show emergency medicine in all of its guises and manifestations around the world.

Our hope is to borrow your images for a short period in order to scan them into 40MB files for high resolution reproduction. Your prints or slides will then be returned to you safely and promptly. You will be credited prominently in the book and retain the right to use your images as you please otherwise.

Please join us in celebrating emergency medicine in the world today by sending your prints or slides to the project. Please contact me if you have any further questions about the project.

Warm regards,

Jeffrey Arnold, MD
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Needed Reviewers for Research Agenda Grant Needed

Dr. Michael Sayre, principal investigator for the National EMS Research Agenda for the Future project, seeks peer reviewers for the product. The investigators are looking for at least 200 peer reviewers from all disciplines within EMS. The peer reviewers will get the chance to preview the project and help shape the findings. The whole process will take place over the World Wide Web. Visit www.ResearchAgenda.org to sign up as a peer reviewer and to learn more about the EMS Research Agenda for the Future project. If you have any questions, contact Michael Sayre at Michael.Sayre@uc.edu.

NAEMSP Welcomes New Members

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Conference Audio Tapes Available

Audio tapes are available from the January 2000 conference. Purchase the complete set of tapes or individual tapes for your own personal library or to share with your colleagues. They can be purchased from West Coast Audio Taping at 800/825-8899. An order form insert is provided in this newsletter for your convenience.

EMS Calendar

March 20-22, 2000: Trauma & Critical Care 2000. Location: Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact: 713/798-4557

March 22-26, 2000: EMS Today 2000: Conference & Exposition. Location: Orlando, Florida. Contact: 800/266-JEMS.

April 3-6, 2000: Fire Rescue West 2000. Location: San Jose, California. Contact: 800/308-6397, ext. 311.

April 4-6, 2000: Hazmats 2000: The U.S. National Response Team. Location: St. Louis, Missouri. Contact: 703/934-3760 or e-mail: hazmat2000@nrt.org.

April 17-19, 2000: IAFC Fire Rescue Med: Critical Issues in Fire Service-Based EMS. Location: Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact: 703/273-0911.

April 27-30, 2000: Disaster 2000: Taking Command; Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation. Location: Orlando, Florida. Contact: 800/766-6335.

April 30 – May 2, 2000: National Disaster Medical System Conference 2000. Location: Alexis Park Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact: 301/443-1167.

May 21, 2000: NAEMSP Board of Directors Meeting in conjunction with the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Conference. Location: San Francisco, California.

May 24-26, 2000: National Rural Health Association (NRHA) 23rd Annual Conference. Location: New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact: 816/756-3140.

May 31-June 3, 2000: EMS Magazine Exposition. Location: Charlotte, North Carolina. Contact: 877/EMS-EXPO.

June 1-4, 2000: International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC): International Hazardous Materials Response Team Conference. Location: Hunt Valley, Maryland. Contact: 703/273-9815.

June 17-20, 2000: 5th International Conference on Pediatric Trauma, Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute, New England Medical Center, Memorial Hospital. Location: Vail/Beaver Creek, Colorado. Contact: 617/636-6381 or www.pedtraumaconf.org.

June 19-21, 2000: InterMed 2000. Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Contact: 514/731-1015 or e-mail: ggauthier@mpe.ca.

June 19-22, 2000: AIRMED 2000: Climbing to a Higher Level. Location: Stavangue, Norway. Contact: 011 47 64 938999 or e-mail: service@airmed.no.

August 2-6, 2000: National Conference of Family Practice Residents and Medical Students. Location: Kansas City, Missouri. Contact: 800/274-2237.

August 25-28, 2000: Fire-Rescue International 2000. Location: Dallas, Texas. Contact: 800/541-6058.

January 18-20, 2001: NAEMSP 2001 Annual Meeting. Location: Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa, Fort Myers, Florida. Contact: 913/492-5858, ext. 448.

The deadline for article and advertisement submissions for the May 2000 issue of [NAEMSP News](#) is March 24.



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